"We serve a nation at war and a military force that is transforming while fighting and winning the global war on terrorism," Bolton observed. "It is clear that we have charted the right course—increasing capability, flexibility, and sustainability—and that we must maintain the tremendous momentum we have built."

U.S. Army Acquisition Support Center Deputy Director Col. Fred Mullins presided over the event as master of ceremonies. Current Army and retired senior leaders present included: Paul J. Hoeper, former ASAALT; Lt. Gen. Joseph L. Yakovac Jr., military deputy to the ASAALT and director, Acquisition Career Management; Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, Chief Information Officer, G-6; Lt. Gen. (Ret.) John S. Caldwell, former ASAALT military deputy; Tina Ballard, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (DASA) for Policy and Procurement; and Dr. Thomas H. Killion, DASA for Research and Technology and the Army's Chief Scientist. Representing the DASA for Integrated Logistics Support was Larry Hill.

The evening's presentations included the Secretary of the Army Excellence in Contracting Barbara C. Heald Award; Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year Award; Department of the Army Research and Development Laboratory of the Year Awards; the Secretary of the Army Acquisition Director, Project and Product Managers of the Year Awards; and Army Acquisition Excellence Awards.

"One thing that I would like you to always remember is that we—each and every one of us—work for the soldier" Bolton explained. "Every day, America's warfighters stand ready to make the ultimate sacrifice. They face threats that change—quite literally—overnight, and their success in meeting these challenges rests on our shoulders."

For more information about the 2006 AAC Awards Ceremony, please contact Mike Roddin at (703) 805-1035 or e-mail mike.roddin@us.army.mil.

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MEDICAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR COMBAT CASUALTY CARE PRODUCT MANAGEMENT OFFICE (OCT. 12, 2006)
MC4'S BILL WEED RECOGNIZED WITH '06 ARMY ACQUISITION EXCELLENCE AWARD

FORT DETRICK, Md.—The Army's Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care (MC4) Product Management Office (PMO) was awarded the 2006 DoD Chief Information Officer Team Award for outstanding achievement in DoD information management based on the spirit and intent of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 (Information Technology Management Reform Act) and vision of the DoD CIO.

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology Claude M. Bolton Jr., commended MC4 PMO for its impact on deployed service members, deployed medical forces, and combatant commanders supporting Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

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In addition to fielding 15,000 systems and training 16,000 deployed medical professionals, MC4 PMO was lauded for introducing medical recording capabilities in Afghanistan for the first time, in addition to immediately deploying to New Orleans in support of Joint Task Force Katrina relief efforts. Weed was recognized for introducing electronic post-deployment health assessment capabilities on the battlefield, in addition to opening MC4's new European Regional Technical Support Site in

Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology Claude Bolton (center) presents Bill Weed (right), Medical Communications for Combat Casualty Care Product Management Office (MC4 PMO) with the 2006 Army Acquisition Excellence Individual Award and commends Ben Pryor (left) as a finalist for the Army Life Cycle Logistician of the Year Award. Photograph courtesy MC4 PMO.

Miesau, Germany, to support units in the European Command.

"MC4's resourcefulness and flexibility have proven to be a tremendous asset in the ever-changing Army environment," said Kevin Carroll, Program Executive Officer, Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS). "MC4's ability to meet new and emerging needs in the combat zone has enabled the capture of 1 million electronic medical records—a number that speaks volumes on its personal and global impact."

MC4 integrates, fields, and supports a medical information management system for Army tactical medical forces, enabling a comprehensive, lifelong electronic medical record for all servicemembers, and enhancing medical situational awareness for operational commanders. Headquartered at Fort Detrick, Md., MC4 is under the oversight of the Army PEO EIS at Fort Belvoir, Va.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE NEWS RELEASE (OCT. 26, 2006)
DOD ANNOUNCES MAINTENANCE AWARD WINNERS

The Department of Defense announced today the annual winners of the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards, the Phoenix, and the Robert T. Mason Trophies recognizing excellence in field and depot-level maintenance.

The field-level maintenance awards honor military maintenance organizations for outstanding performance. The awardees—two from each category of small, medium, and large organizations—are chosen from active and reserve organizations that perform unit- or field-level maintenance. One of those organizations is singled out as the best of the best and receives the Phoenix Trophy.

2006 Phoenix Award

The 2006 winner of the Phoenix Award for field level maintenance is the 3rd Materiel Readiness Battalion, III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF). Based in Okinawa, this battalion serves the entire III MEF. In fiscal year 2005, III MEF units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and various training exercises and humanitarian relief efforts. Despite supporting so many diverse missions, the battalion completed more than 13,500 intermediate repair orders in an average repair cycle time of 27.8 days, resulting in III MEF having an overall ground combat equipment readiness of greater than 95 percent.

Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards

The other field-level maintenance organizations receiving Secretary of Defense Maintenance Awards are: Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light 47, Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing for the Navy and 303rd Intelligence Squadron, Air Combat Command for the Air Force in the small category; the 297th Transportation Company, 2nd Chemical Battalion for the Army, and the 437th Maintenance Squadron/315th Maintenance Squadron (Reserve), Air Mobility Command for the Air Force in the medium category; and 3rd Maintenance Group, 3rd Wing for the Air Force in the large category.

Robert T. Mason Trophy

The Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award for depot-level maintenance, the Robert T. Mason Trophy, is presented to the major organic depot-level maintenance fa-